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Happy Father's Day



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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Obama: No Hopey, No Changey to Economy

When it comes to our economy, all the hope and change stuff has produced very little change but continued hope that things will improve even though Obamanomics remains a failed policy. Of course, it isn't his fault, right? President George W. Bush is still responsible for today's mess. How long is the statute of limitations on blaming George W. for 2012? Here we are heading toward re-election time and neither the White House nor the lapdogs in the liberal media hold Barack Obama responsible for anything negative. It's as if the Bush Legacy has been taken hostage by the Obama-ites and used as a drape to cover Obama's southern exterior.

On June 1, the president stated the obvious. The latest employment numbers show that the economy is not creating jobs "as fast as we want," but pledged the economy will improve. Speaking at a Honeywell plant in Minnesota, he added, "We do have better days ahead." May figures show only 69,000 jobs were added during the month and the unemployment number increased to 8.2 percent. Of course, this is the official government figure but the actually living and breathing U.S. citizens out of work is about 15 percent or 88 million Americans. Also on June 1 at a fundraiser in Minnesota after his afternoon photo op, he added that today is "as tough a period in our country's history as anything in our lifetimes, certainly since the 1930s." He believes progress has been made but "we're not out of the

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Annual Bunker Hill Day Parade



Bunker Hill Day marks the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, also known as the Battle of Breed's Hill, on June 17 each year. This battle, which occurred in 1775, was part of the Siege of Boston. This siege took place during the American Revolutionary War, which is also known as the American War of Independence.



Paul Revere House Circa 1903



John Papandrea (gentlemen wearing vest) was born in Greece in 1875 and died in 1957. John sold fruits and vegetables in front of the Paul Revere House in 1903 at the age of 28. He was the son of Andrea Papandrea, who was the Prime Minister of Greece. John was married to Carmela and they had five children.

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THE DINNER OF TRIMALCHIO

Throughout all of early Roman history there were mostly temperate men, moderate in all of their indulgences including their appetites for food and drink. These were the persons who were satisfied with their coarse breads, the normal vegetables, fowl, cheese, fruits and local wines. Invited guests were also treated to moderate meals, served and eaten under moderate conditions.

There were also those few who attempted to impress their friends by a show of wealth which was ridiculous, absurd and vulgar.

There can be no discussion of lavish Roman dinners without making reference to a story of the "Dinner of Trimalchio" and to its' author "Gaius Petronius". Petronius was the "Arbiter Elegantiarum" or probably much better described as the Director-In-Chief of the imperial pleasures at the court of Nero and one of the emperor's chosen companions. He enjoyed an exalted position during much of Nero's reign. Petronius passed judgment on the merits of any proposed national game, feast, enjoyment or pleasure in any way, shape or form and his decision was final. Jealous rivals succeeded in having him falsely accused of plotting treason against Nero and he was condemned to death. He cheated the executioner by committing suicide in a slow and graceful manner. He opened up his veins and then applied bandages to check the flow of blood as he chatted with friends until death came. He is credited with being the author of a remarkable literary work, part of which describes a famous dinner. It was a detailed account of a sumptuous banquet provided by "Trimalchio," a boastful, pretentious and ignorant recipient of newly acquired wealth.

The story tells of the invited guests to the domus of Trimalchio being met at the door by slaves who accompanied them to the bath house where they were offered precious vases containing water in order to wash their hands. They were then shown into the triclinium (dining room) where they were directed to their places and reclined on a sofa before a magnificently arranged display of hors d'oeuvres. Later, waiters brought in a bronze donkey carrying two panniers (baskets) filled with large green and black olives. The donkey supported silver dishes which were engraved with the name of Trimalchio and also the weight of silver in each dish so that guests could estimate their value and the host's wealth. The dishes contained dormice (squirrel-like rodents) seasoned with honey and poppy seeds. The edible European variety is consumed when plump, just before hibernation. Next came hot sausages lying on a silver grill. Underneath the grill were black prunes with red pomegranate seeds to simulated a charcoal fire.

While musicians played, slaves entered bearing a great dish which contained a wooden hen hatching large eggs. One egg was passed to each of the guests who soon discovered that the shells were actually cooked flour and each contained a fat "baccafico" rolled in spiced egg yolk (a baccafico is a European songbird usually fattened on fruit and grain in autumn). At this time, one of the serving slaves dropped a silver platter and because it had a slight dent, the host had it thrown onto a rubbish heap.

NEXT WEEK: *The Dinner of Trimalchio — Cont.*

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



The Last Hope of Mankind

Last week I discussed the first half of Daniel Webster's *First Bunker Hill Oration*; here, in time for Bunker Hill Day, is the rest.

After his brief summary of the history of America, from **Christopher Columbus** to the **Battle of Bunker Hill**, our guide, **Daniel Webster**, next surveys the fifty years since the battle and finds progress both in America and abroad although not at the same pace, which he compares to "vessels on a common tide, propelled by the gales at different rates, according to their several structure and management, but all moved forward by one mighty current, strong enough to bear onward whatever does not sink beneath it." Knowledge, he says, has triumphed and mankind in 1825 are "better fed and better clothed ... they are able also to enjoy more leisure; they possess more refinement and more self-respect. A superior tone of education, manners and habits prevail." More importantly, he finds those past fifty years to have been given over to "the great question of politics and government."

"A great wheel of political revolution," says Webster, "began to move in America." He compares the guarded regularity and safety of that wheel's rotation in America with its irregular and violent impulses elsewhere and concludes that America was fortunate in the condition of the land and character of the

populace at the time of our Revolution. Americans, while under the authority of the mother country, had, nevertheless, many years' experience of self-government as regards internal matters and were accustomed to some of the basic elements of our Constitution: representative bodies, division of power and checks and balances. He credits the character of the American people — sober, moral and religious — for the restraint from plunder and spoil that might otherwise have attended our Revolution.

Webster exhorts Americans to exult in the conviction that our Revolution was a beneficial example to the world. It is, however, an example that he would not necessarily apply as a template. "We are not propagandists," he says. "Wherever other systems are preferred ... we leave the preference to be enjoyed." However, given the favorable circumstances of America's experiment in democratic government he concludes that if the representative system fails here, it is unlikely to ever succeed. With America, he asserts, rests "the last hope of mankind." This is a phrase that will be echoed by **Abraham Lincoln** in his December 1862 Annual Message to Congress ("the last best, hope of earth") and **Ronald Reagan** in his January 1974 "We Will Be a City on a Hill" speech ("the last best hope of man on earth").

LaMattina Running for Suffolk Register of Probate

by Sal Giarratani

Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina was elected District One's councilor back in a nail-biting election in June 2006. He eked out a narrow victory over Charlestown's Danny Ryan (from Congressman Mike Capuano's office) who took 90 percent of the Townie vote. However, since that 2006 election, LaMattina has bonded quite well with Charlestown residents. LaMattina is a people person and his constituents love having a city councilor who understands them, their concerns and springs into action for them on a moment's notice. You can bet he will take this proactive style with him as probate register. Prior to being a city councilor, he



worked for many years for both Mayors Ray Flynn and Tom Menino as a neighborhood liaison in the Mayor's Office.

This year, Sal has decided

to run for the vacant Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court post. Suffolk County covers Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere. It is one of those elected posts that seem to go under the voter radar but a county position that plays an important role in our lives. Back in 2006, I supported my friend Danny Ryan and was friends with his mother back when he was a kid. As someone with family roots in Charlestown, I went with the Townie guy but have since become good friends with Sal.

I recently showed up at his well attended fundraiser on June 5 at The Point on Hanover Street. The crowd included many of my buddies from the San Giuseppe Society. It looked like our monthly meetings in one corner of the crowded room. Sal was hopping all over the place.

By the way, the first two (Continued on Page 12)

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GUEST EDITORIAL

ROMNEY SURE TO PROVIDE MORE JOBS THAN OBAMA

by Edward P. Shallow

As a venture capitalist, Mitt Romney's first major business deal involved investing in a start-up office supply company with one store in Massachusetts that sold office supplies. That company, called Staples, now has over 2,000 stores and employs over 90,000 people.

Romney or his company Bain Capital (using what became known as the "Bain Way" would go on to perform the same kinds of business miracles again, and again, with companies like Domino's, Sealy, Brookstone, The Weather Channel, Burger King, Warner Music Group, Dollarama, Home Depot Supply and many others.

Got your calculators handy? Let's recap.

Volunteer campaign worker for his dad's gubernatorial campaign one year.

Unpaid intern in Governor's office eight years.

Mormon missionary in Paris two years.

Unpaid Bishop and State President for his church ten years.

Took no salary as President of the Salt Lake Olympics three years. No salary as Massachusetts governor four years.

Gave his entire inheritance to charity.

That's a grand total of 28 years of unpaid service to his country, his community and his church. Why? Because that's the kind of man Mitt Romney is.

And he'll show you his: Undoctored birth certificate!

His undoctored draft notice!

His undoctored Social Security card, and what state it's registered in!

In my estimation he represents a brighter hope for America! — A true American for president!

Wizard of Oz!

Presented by Music Theatre Troup

NEMPAC's Children's Theatre Troupe will perform their spring production of *The Wizard of Oz* on June 15 at the Boston Harbor Community Church, 9 Salutation Street, Boston, Massachusetts beginning at 6:00 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information, please call 617-227-2270 or visit www.nempacboston.org.

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to some people Dad.
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*I still remember things
about you,
because nothing will ever
make me ever forget you.*

*It's only been
five years brother.*

*But it has been five
long years without you.*

*It's tough not
having you around.*

*But one thing makes me smile!
The fact is you are now with
Janet "Miss America"
and Mom and Dad.*

I miss and love all of you!

Ray J. Norton, Jr.

Josephine "Josie" Gaeta

Josephine Gaeta of Boston's North End died peacefully at the age of 102 on June 12, 2012, surrounded by family and friends.

Loving wife of the late Joseph Gaeta. Devoted mother of Anthony Gaeta and wife Anna of the North End. Cherished grandmother of Joseph A. Gaeta and wife Mary of Peabody and Maria A. Gaeta of Peabody. Adoring great-grandmother of Alexandra and Anthony.

Josephine was the first of four children born to the late Lucia



Capodilupo and Francesco Fabiano. Sister of the late Nicholas and Michael Fabiano and Concetta Mirra. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Josephine will be greatly missed by all those who were blessed to have known her.

Family will be receiving visitors at Sacred Heart Church, North Square, Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mass will be held Monday at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

REMEMBERING EDDIE CORSETTI

by Sal Giarratani

I had all but forgotten about one of Boston's best investigative reporters of all time. Eddie Corsetti from Medford recently passed away and made it one final time onto the pages of a Boston newspaper back in my younger days; I was always reading his by-line in the old *Record American*, *Sunday Advertiser*. He was once described as the best street reporter this city has ever seen. He would get lots of angry phone calls after one of his pieces was printed. He on more than one occasion was called at home by the Boston Strangler. He lived a long and productive life at age 87. One of his daughters said he "was a reporter when you had to go to a story and he would go at a moment's notice ... He knew everyone. He interviewed crime bosses, politicians, the Kennedy's. It was a very interesting childhood." He was considered a historical authority on the cases he covered and was the subject of many interviews for a number of TV documentaries.



Corsetti was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific and was discharged in 1945 and eventually ended up with Hearst Newspapers, writing for the *Boston American*, the *Daily Record*, the *Record American*, the *Sunday Advertiser* and the *Boston Herald American*. He had an award winning newspaper career covering high profile stories such as the Brink's Robbery, the Boston Strangler, the Plymouth Mail Robbery, the Sam Sheppard murder trial and one of New England's most infamous unsolved murder mysteries, the kill-

ing of a young Medford mother by the name of Joan Risch back in 1961. His coverage on that was relentless. A young mother and housewife just disappeared one day and all that the police ever found was the bloody kitchen. Risch was never located to this day. Corsetti also covered Jack Kennedy during the 1960 presidential election and the drowning death of Mary Jo Kopechne on Chappaquiddick in 1969.

He was a lifetime parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi in Medford where a memorial Mass was held on June 1. His late son Paul Corsetti who passed away in 2004 followed in his dad's footsteps and was also a *Boston Herald* reporter.

When I think of my own writing career which began with a one paragraph letter to the editor in the old *Boston Sunday Advertiser* on March 3, 1968, it was journalists like Corsetti who stirred up my love of journalism.

He will be greatly missed.

MICHAEL A. PETRIGNO

May He Rest in Peace



Michael A. "Magee" Petrigno of Medford, formerly of Boston's North End, went home to be with the Lord on June 5, 2012. Beloved husband of Assunta "Susie" (Oddi) Petrigno. Loving father of Adele Petrigno Saunders and her husband Ralph of Chatham, Susan Petrigno O'Connell and her husband Cliff of Dracut, the late Marie Meola and Roy Murray. Cherished grandfather of Christopher Saunders, Amanda Blais, Michelle and Melissa Murray. Loving great-grandfather of 8 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Fred "Freddie" Petrigno of the North End, William "Billy" Petrigno of Medford and FL, the late Justo and Anthony Petrigno.

Funeral was from Dello Russo Funeral Home in Medford. Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

NEAA Seeking Sponsors for All-Star Game on June 22nd

The North End Athletic Association will be holding our Annual All-Star Game on June 22nd at 7:00 pm under the lights in Langone Park. We will play a seven to nine inning game between the best players of all four Majors teams.

We will have free pizza, water, chips and other snacks for all the players and the families, fans and NEAA players and members who attend.

The Players will receive special NEAA hats, trophies and special trophies for MVP and Best Defensive Player. There will also be a free drawing for only the All-Star Players for four sets of Red Sox tickets.

The NEAA is looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of this great event. Donations will cover the cost of all of the above as well as for the umpires for the game.

A donation of any amount can be made, no amount is too small. Checks can be made out to the NEAA and mailed to NEAA, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02113 or dropped off in person at the Nazzaro Center and put in the NEAA mailbox.

All donors will be acknowledged at the game and in the local papers.

We appreciate all of your support throughout the year.

VALOR Act Signed

Legislation Increases Opportunities for Veteran-owned Businesses, Gold Star Families, Military Children and Higher Education Access



Governor Patrick is joined by legislators and supporters while signing S.2254, known as the VALOR Act.

(Photo by Eric Haynes, Governor's Office)

Governor Deval Patrick recently signed Senate Bill 2254, "An Act Relative to Veterans' Access, Livelihood, Opportunity and Resources," also known as the VALOR Act. The legislation creates increased supports for veteran-owned businesses, Gold Star Families, military children and higher education access in the Commonwealth.

"I am proud to sign the VALOR Act to enhance our already strong supports for veterans," said Governor Patrick. "Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in providing services for veterans and their families, and this legislation will further reinforce our leadership."

"While this past Memorial Day reminded the nation to honor our brave military servicemen and women, the signing of the VALOR Act pledges to support our veterans and their families throughout the year by increasing access and opportunities for services they have rightfully earned," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans' Services. "I am proud to have partnered with the Department of Veterans' Services, Senator Rush, Representative Vallee, and the state legislature to provide our veterans and their families with these benefits including access to education, business assistance and relief for critical services."

Among other provisions, the VALOR Act provides

greater access to financial assistance for small businesses; affords greater opportunities for service-disabled veterans to participate in public projects; makes it easier for children of military personnel to transfer between school districts and states; and expands supports from the Massachusetts Military Family Relief Fund to Gold Star Families. The relief fund, which derives its funding from a voluntary tax check off on income tax returns, is used to defray the costs of food, housing, utilities, medical service and other expenses borne by Massachusetts National Guard and reserve service members and their families.

"One of the most important services we can provide is to support our veterans and their families," said Attorney General Martha Coakley. "The VALOR Act not only symbolizes our commitment to the 385,000 veterans living in Massachusetts but the level of respect and appreciation we have for all that they and their families have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy in our country."

"With the signing of this bill, we are once again doing what's right for our veterans and service men and women in the Commonwealth," said Senate President Therese Murray. "Massachusetts is number one in services for veterans, active military and their families, and I am proud to live in a state that not only recognizes the responsibility to give back, but

wants to give back. The Valor Act sets an example for the nation in recognizing our veterans and service members and making sure they and their families continue to have proper benefits and the right opportunities for employment and education."

"I commend the Patrick-Murray Administration for their support of this important bill," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "In signing this legislation, we are reinforcing our commitment to veterans. Although we can never fully repay our servicemen and women for their heroism and sacrifice, this signature shows that we will continue to support and help veterans transition when they return home to Massachusetts."

"We are constantly working to advance opportunities for veterans, including those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan," said Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. JudyAnn Bigby. "The VALOR Act will address many of the unique challenges that today's veterans and their children face."

"In Massachusetts, we have always taken the approach that providing services to veterans and their families is more than a ceremonial duty," said Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Coleman Nee. "Ensuring access to health care, education, employment and financial security are the cornerstones of how we honor and provide for the men and women of the Commonwealth who have served us in uniform. The signing of the VALOR Act will strengthen that commitment significantly and reinforce the legacy of Massachusetts leading the way in supporting those that have defended and protected our Nation in times of war and peace."

"The heroic sacrifices of our veterans are shared by their families," said Secretary of Education Paul Reville. "The VALOR Act will ease the transition for children of those serving in the military in areas such as course placement, course credit, and testing by joining Massachusetts in the Interstate Compact for Military Children."

Under the VALOR Act, Massachusetts will join other states as part of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact is a tool for schools to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most military children will attend six to nine different school sys-



by Sal Giarratani

Liberals Have Lost their Mojo in Walker Victory

"If Romney wins in November we may very well never elect a Democrat as president again."

— Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee

"Democracy is dead!"

— unnamed Recall supporter after Gov. Walker survived recall

Four years ago, Barack Obama easily defeated U.S. Sen. John McCain in Wisconsin. Up until this recall movement, it was almost a given that this Obama-leaning state would once again re-elect President Obama to a second term. Democrats thought it was a given and Republicans seem to be writing it off. However, after Gov. Scott Walker defeated his Democrat opponent Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee on Tuesday, June 5, it is looking like you can add Wisconsin to those other swing states up for grabs this year. It has now become a battleground state.

Walker hit the national spotlight shortly after getting sworn in back in January 2011 after beating the same Mayor Tom Barrett. One of the new Republican governor's first acts was to cut union bargaining rights and benefits to avoid a budget deficit. Governor Walker's reforms were developed to deal with the state struggling to regain control over runaway government spending and deficits. To be noted, no teachers were fired. He felt drastic action was needed and he did it. The fact that he survived a recall attempt by leading liberal figures, the Democratic Party, the lamestream media and all those saps like Sgt. Schultz and the rest of them over at MSNBC.

State Senator Fred Risser, a long-serving Democrat who was among those who fled the state trying to prevent a legislative quorum for the governor reported in the June 5 *New York Times* that the recall election "certainly carries symbolic importance for us." Hopefully, it will show where the voters are going and create momentum. Yeah, nice quote but that's not how the vote went. It was symbolic but not for Democrat hopes. The voters of Wisconsin have voted and they are by a wide margin supporting the efforts being made by Gov. Walker to put the state back in fiscal order.

The recall put the credibility of public employee unions and Democrats to the test but in the end they scored badly at the polls. You could tell things weren't going well for the union crowd. At a rally on Sunday, June 3, Jesse Jackson compared Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker to George Wallace and Larry Hanley, head of the Amalgamated Transit Union compared Walker's reform package to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Utter nonsense.

Romney issued a statement saying, "Walker's victory will echo beyond the bor-

ders of Wisconsin." Walker he said, "has shown that citizens and taxpayers can fight back and prevail." Romney also added, "Tonight voters said no to the tired, liberal idea of yesterday and yes to fiscal responsibility and a new direction."

This latest road taken along this year's campaign trail shows that the November matchup between President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney will be very, very close. The state of the economy, the lack of jobs, the struggle to hold on to your homes and higher taxes along with bloated government spending are all issues helping to strengthen the Republican message for needed change. For many, it is a simple decision. Change course or become Greece. There is no middle ground. Choose your side and hope to win.

Right now the election is down to about 12 states and 20 percent of the voting population. Whichever presidential candidate makes the best pitch to the undecided, suburban independents will win in November.

Obama says stick with me and somehow we will fix things but why should voters keep voting for elected officials with failed policies? If they can't change and do something else, then surely voters can change and vote for someone else too.

America, as we have known it, is in big trouble and we can't just keep running away from making tough choices and implementing real solutions that work. As a Reagan Democrat and a member of a public employee union, had I lived in Wisconsin, I would have sided with Walker since the alternative was far worse.

The Democrats even with all their lapdogs on the media have trouble in its collective hands. Voters vote for what's best for them and not simply for partisan reasons. Republicans now need to develop public policies that address the fears of the American people who are losing faith in their futures. We have survived all sorts of dangers but when we lose our hope and faith in America, all could be lost.

It is now far past the time for all Americans to come together and end this bitter polarization of the American nation.

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MADONNA DEL GRAZIE July 8
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ST. JOSEPH July 27, 28, 29
Hanover & Battery Sts.
Sunday Procession 1 pm

AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA August 3, 4, 5
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Sunday Procession 1 pm
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MADONNA DELLA CAVA August 10, 11, 12
Hanover & Battery Sts.
Sunday Procession 1 pm

MADONNA del SOCCORSO August 16, 17, 18, 19
North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's)
Sunday Procession 1 pm

ST. ANTHONY August 24, 25, 26
Endicott & Thacher Sts.
Sunday Procession 12 pm

ST. LUCY August 27
Monday Procession - Endicott St. 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

ST. ROSALIE September 9
Procession Only - North Square 1 pm

MORE ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Gloucester, MA
ST. PETER'S FIESTA June 27 - July 1
Sunday Procession 12 noon

Malden, MA
SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL August 10, 11, 12
Pearl Street
Sunday Procession 1 pm

Lawrence, MA
FEAST OF THE THREE SAINTS Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2
Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino
Common & Union St., Lawrence
Sunday Procession 3 pm

Cambridge Festival
SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN September 8 - 9
Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge
Info: Call 617-354-7992

FRANK J.
CIANO
Announces
Candidacy
for Register of Deeds



Attorney Frank J. Ciano announced his candidacy for Register of Deeds in Southern Middlesex at a packed campaign kick-off event at the Courtside Restaurant in Cambridge last week. Ciano's name is confirmed on the September 6th Primary Election ballot after his campaign collected more than 2,000 nomination signatures throughout the district.

Almost 150 friends and colleagues of Frank jammed the event where Frank announced his plans to modernize the Registry:

"By modernizing the Registry and making it easier and more cost-effective to file records, taxpayers will save money and can conduct their business more efficiently. As an attorney, I have stood for ordinary people against major corporations. As Register of Deeds, I plan to keep fighting to make the Registry cost-effective, accessible and responsive to residents," said Frank J. Ciano.

The Southern Middlesex district covers 44 cities and towns and has more than 734,000 voters. Current Register, Gene Brune, is retiring after 24 years in office.

Frank served as the president of the Middlesex Bar Association and the Cambridge Arlington Belmont Bar Association. He is an experienced General Practice Lawyer who has run and managed his own law office and has been a lawyer since 1976. He is a graduate of the Boston College School of Management and holds a law degree from Suffolk University. Frank is the proud recipient of the Pirandello Lyceum "Best of the Best Award." He is also Chairman Emeritus of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts.

Frank is running for Register of Deeds to:

- Make the Registry more consumer-friendly
- Clean up the back log in the Lands Division
- Make electronic mail filings more efficient
- Act as a consumer advocate

Frank lives in Arlington with his wife Nicolane and has one daughter. He is the son of John Ciano and Lucy Paolillo of Cambridge. You can contact Frank at frankjciano@gmail.com.

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Mayor Menino Hosts
DeFilippo Coffee Hour
and Park Opening

Mayor Menino will join North End residents for a Neighborhood Coffee Hour and the official unveiling of improvements at DeFilippo Playground on Friday, June 22, at 9:30 am.

The annual Coffee Hours give residents a unique opportunity to speak with Mayor Menino about open space and other needs in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Menino looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local playgrounds, public areas and city services.

All participants will enjoy coffee and healthy breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city's greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Menino. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize package including a Dunkin' Donuts gift basket.

The reopening of DeFilippo Playground, located at 135 Prince Street in the North End, highlights the Mayor's commitment to the parks and open spaces in Boston. The total design and construction cost of \$933,000 was provided by Mayor Menino's Capital Improvement Program.

The reopening celebration will include face painting, live music and refreshments provided by H.P. Hood LLC, the official dairy sponsor for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's 2012 park openings. For more information on the reopening event, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



My Annual

“Ready Your Pool/Beach Bag for Summer 2012!”

Ciao Bella,

We are lucky New Englanders this year with our mild winter and balmy breezes felt in March! How I wish our cabana poolside was open those days! Wow what weather! However the many times our seasons change and we are not ready! This list is intended to prepare all of us “Glamour Girls” a happy, safe and healthy summer in the sun!

1. Sunscreen - SPF of at least 30 to 50 to prevent damaging rays preventing sunburn. Read the label since it is important to apply before exposure, reapply after swimming and timely reapplication!

2. Keep hydrated with water/coconut water or your fav flavor! Freezing the bottle the night before so it will stay cold for a while.

3. Cover-up and hat with brim. Hats can also be found with an SPF of 50 or 30

4. Fabulous sunglasses!

5. A pretty turban when the hat comes off while swimming will protect the precious color and health of your hair! Gals don't think for a minute that the sun and warm weather don't wreak havoc on the head!

6. Sunscreen lip tint to prevent scorched lips!

7. Pocket tissues/wet towelettes

8. LUSH's “Breath of Fresh Air” just a spritz feeds your face with aloe, vitamins and minerals. A cooling refresher that smells like the sea! An anytime pick me up!

9. Ipod filled with your fav tunes with earbuds or mini speaker from *chicbud.com*!

10. Flip flops/Havianas are quite stylish!

11. Nice big towel! Great prints to express yourself.

So that just about wraps up the list for this season's pool/beach bag! And don't forget to get tip top toes for flirty flip flop feet with LUSH's “Happy Feet” kit!

- Geo Phyzz foot/bath bomb soak, Stepping Stone foot scrub, detoxifying Volcano foot mask
- Fair Trade Foot Lotion to keep heels hydrated and great massage! I adore this kit when there isn't time to get a professional pedi! My husband and I gave one to each other! So gals enjoy the summer! Live, laugh and love everyday!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

-Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' “All That Zazz” columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@mary4nails.com.

West End Volunteer for 7th Annual Children's Festival

Opportunity to gain experience in event planning and to help plan a popular annual community event. **Summer volunteer coordinator positions:** *Entertainment Coordinator:* organize games and performances for festival visitors. *Food & Beverage Coordinator:* reach out to local restaurants for food donations. *Volunteer Coordinator:* coordinate and communicate with festival volunteers.

Please contact Tatiana if you are interested in one of the listed positions at tm@westendcommunitycenter.com or visit www.westendchildrensfestival.org for festival details.

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Good Things Come in Threes

by Bennett and Richard Molinari

The old Latin saying, “Omne trium perfectum” (everything that comes in threes is perfect) could not be more appropriate to describe our past weekend.

Starting on Saturday evening when we attended a celebration party for Sister Eileen Harvey. Friends, family and co-workers gathered at the All Hands Club of the Coast Guard Base to honor Sister Eileen, who, after twenty-eight years of serving as principal of Saint John School will retire at the end of the current school year. It was fun to see a wonderful slide presentation of Sister Eileen's life and hear the well-deserved testimonials to her, pointing out her enormous success in leading Saint John's through her tenure as principal and her popularity in the neighborhood. Sister Eileen assures us that she won't be a stranger and will return to the neighborhood that she refers to as having an “enormous heart,” once she has had time to rest and enjoy some of the fruits of her retirement.

On Sunday we attended the first Mass of Father Cesare Campagnoli at Saint Leonard Church who was ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus the day before at Fordham University, the Jesuit University of New York. Father Cesare, who is a doctor, graduated from medical school in Pavia, Italy; he worked in research and had been engaged in the development of new strategies for the treatment of some genetic diseases. It was while practicing his profession as a medical scientist in Philadelphia that Father Cesare became deeply aware of Ignatian spirituality and his desire to live his faith by serving others and encountering God in their various life experiences. Father Cesare will be assisting, part-time, at Saint Leonard Parish until he assumes a permanent teaching position in Philadelphia. Following Mass the congregation was invited to a sumptuous luncheon in Saint Leonard Hall where we all got a chance to congratulate Father Campagnoli and wish him well.

Following the luncheon we made a bee line to Cambridge where we boarded the Charles 1 River Boat for a cruise down the Charles River organized by our cousins to support one of their charities. It was a beautiful day and the River never seemed more appealing, the annual Dragon Races on the river were taking place adding to the charm of the day. Seeing Boston from the vantage point of being on the Charles put the City in a very different perspective allowing you to see what a beautiful city it has become.

It was a beautiful weekend, one that was uplifting filled with encounters with wonderful people who are making a difference in this world by giving of themselves, the type of weekend that gives hope for a brighter future.

ATTENTION GRADUATES OF ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

in Boston's North End (Class of 1959)

A few of your former classmates are planning a reunion and need your assistance. We will meet on Sunday, July 8, 2012 in the Peace Garden of St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street prior to the 10:30 am Italian Mass. After Mass honoring the Madonna delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace), we will gather for lunch (on our own) then follow the procession at 2:00 pm through the streets of the North End.

So if you have always wanted to reconnect with your fellow St. Mary's elementary school classmates or just want to come to enjoy the beautiful feast of Our Lady, join us on July 8 in the Peace Garden (and bring your walking shoes!) ... Have a wonderful, safe summer and God bless the North End!

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33. “Superman” to Kidder's Lane

34. *a.k.a. Samuel Clemens

36. *General Robert E. and director Spike

38. Seabiscuit's father, e.g.

42. Single-cell protozoan

45. Hispanic American

49. Crematorium jar

51. *Known as the “Queen of Disco”

54. Finno-_____ family of languages

56. Upside down frown

57. Shoshonean people

58. Turns blue litmus red

59. Raised mark on skin

60. *His last word was “Rosebud”

61. Cannabis plant

62. Male version of Emily

63. Intersecting nerves or vessels

66. North American country

68. Many tennis games make one of these

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REMEMBERING MY DAD THIS FATHER'S DAY

by Sal Giarratani

When you are a child, you think life is eternal. You don't think of death because it seems so far away. You also never think of your parents ever dying. Yeah, even in kindergarten class at St. John's School sitting together as a class for Sunday Mass next door at the Sacred Heart, I remember Father Louie sermonizing about everlasting life but for a 5-year-old, the concept was too big for me. Reality hit for me first when I lost a 38 year old uncle in 1959 and again in 1962 when I lost a cousin only nine months older than me. However, I remember the exact moment my dad passed on August 5, 1989 and it was like watching a piece of me disappear.



**Dominic
Giarratani, Sr.**

It has been almost 22 years since that date and the older I become; the more I understand my father's wisdom and what he meant to me. Also, the older I get, the more I seem to look like him minus that Sicilian golden complexion of his. I ended up with my mother's Irish color. This Father's Day, I will reflect on my father's life and the example he set for my brother and I. I will also reflect on what kind of father I have been to my daughter.

Take time this year to thank your father for the role he plays in your life. If he has passed, remember what he did for you. I still thank my dad all the time and still try to find guidance in his examples shown to me growing up.

East Boston Kiwanis Club to Host Suffolk Downs Officials

*at June 19 Dinner Meeting
to Discuss Resort Casino Plans*

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston will host two officials from Suffolk Downs to talk about the proposed resort casino plans at the Kiwanis Club's meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm in Spinelli's function facility in Day Square.

Suffolk Downs Chief Operating Officer Chip Tuttle and Suffolk Downs Executive Vice President for Security and Compliance Paul Evans will be the guest speakers when the Kiwanis Club hosts its interclub meeting of fellow clubs from Kiwanis Division 14. COO Tuttle and Evans, the former Boston Police commissioner, will discuss the casino plan unveiled at Suffolk Downs last week and what steps must be taken before a casino can be constructed at the East Boston racetrack site.

The public is invited to attend the dinner meeting to hear about the casino plans. Tickets must be reserved by 1:00 pm on Monday, June 18 by contacting Kiwanis Club officers Ed Coletta at 617-797-2683, Marisa DiPietro at 617-650-3442 or Clark Moulaison at 617-561-1044. Tickets include a 50/50 raffle.

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Everyone that reads my articles knows that I am very concerned about my pooch friends so I hope this article will help my pooch friends human companions to be aware now that summer is upon us. Insect bites and stings. Bites on dogs, including fleas, ticks, certain spiders and bee stings are common causes of bite reactions in pets. Some dog bites, cause no more than a mild annoyance, while others can cause a serious condition. The most common signs of an insect bite reaction on a dog include swelling and redness at the site of the bite "hives" or a swollen face or muzzle. However, just like people, some dogs can become sensitive to the proteins contained in the saliva or venom of biting insects. These allergic individuals can develop severely inflamed skin, vomiting, breathing difficulties, and (rarely) death. Allergy to fleas is very common and usually shows up as severe itching over the rump, from even a single bite.

Diagnosis is based on the specific signs of illness and/or a history of a bite. In some cases, your veterinarian may take a blood sample to look for eosinophils which are a type of white blood cell associated with allergic reactions. Other tests may be needed depending on the severity of the reaction.

Bee stings are common in the spring and summer. Dogs are usually bitten on the muzzle, because of the tendency to sniff and bite at things. The lips or muzzle may swell, and allergic pets may have more serious reactions. Dogs often paw at or rub any swollen areas. Most spiders in North America are not poisonous, so bites generally cause only localized pain and swelling. However, one particularly serious exception is the brown recluse spider which hides in dark areas associated with wood piles, outdoor

sheds, dog houses, etc. The venom from the bite of a brown recluse tends to spread slowly, killing off tissue and leaving a dark ulcer. Such ulcers are slow to heal and can lead to more serious problems.

Ticks, biting flies and mosquitoes can cause red swollen areas of the skin which itch and can sometimes become infected. Fly bites can pose a special nuisance to outdoor pets. Fly bites can cause crusty bumps and sores, especially around the ears or face, that can become infected if left untreated. Treatment for insect bites typically consists of removing the stinger (if a bee sting) cleaning the wound and administering appropriate medications. Antihistamines are usually given to combat any allergic reaction. Topical creams/lotions containing corticosteroids and/or antibiotics can be used to provide local relief for the skin. In more serious conditions, oral medications or emergency injections (e.g., Epinephrine) may be needed to combat allergic shock. Dogs that have severe allergic reactions may need intravenous fluids and a stay at the veterinary hospital.

Prevention includes routine use of monthly flea and tick products. Topical repellents are also available, but BE SURE to check with your VET before combining these with other products. Control of pests in your pet's local environment (e.g., yard, run, etc.) can help limit bites as well. Your vet can help you design a control program that fits you and your pet. Just keep in mind I am only concerned about my pooch friends and if they have a problem PLEASE bring them to a veterinarian immediately.

Enjoy the beautiful weather we are having and keep my pooch friends safe and healthy.

That's all for now ... Remember to keep our streets clean and PICK UP after your pet!

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Host Tall Ships /4th of July Celebration in the Park

Free Family-Friendly Fun Day Culminates with U.S. Navy Band Concert

On Saturday, June 30, 2012, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (100 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA) will host a day of family-friendly events that begins with a parade through the park at 10:00 am and ends with a concert performed by the United States Navy Band Northeast at 1:30 pm.

"Our Tall Ships / 4th of July Celebration promises to be a wonderful day for families in the neighborhood and for tourists who visit Christopher Columbus Park from around the world," says FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines. The event will be part of the weeklong celebration in Boston commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. "We're encouraging children to decorate their bikes, wagons and scooters in red, white and blue and march with us through the park. We are thrilled that the Navy Band will cap off the day as part of its tour to celebrate the War of 1812 bicentennial."

Entertainment, including a magician, juggler, storyteller and face painting, will begin after the parade. The event is free thanks to the generous support of Al Dente Restaurant, Benevento's



Restaurant, Boston Pushcarts and Century Bank. The North End Music and Performing Arts Center will

participate with musicians, singers, face painters and its unique musical petting zoo.

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization comprised of North End and Waterfront neighbors and businesses who work together to maintain and enhance the park and to sponsor special events in the park. www.foccp.org

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Saint Anthony of Padua Procession



The Saint Anthony of Padua procession took place on Sunday, June 10, 2012, with the statue leaving from Saint Leonard Church to be blessed throughout the streets of Boston's North End. The statue of Saint Anthony was carried on the shoulders of dedicated worshippers accompanied by the North End Marching Band.

This week marks the Feast of Saint Anthony in the Roman Catholic Church.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)



Boston EMS Instructor Invited to Teach EMS in Italy

Boston EMS Training Captain Kent Scarna has just returned from a week in Florence, Italy where he helped a collaboration of Italian doctors, Harvard physicians and other colleagues in EMS to teach 50 rescuers there. Captain Scarna, using his personal time, was invited to teach and share his experience by the Tuscan Emergency Medical Service Initiative (TEMSEI) and the Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians (HMFPP). Members of the Initiative have previously observed Boston EMS training courses and were both impressed and intrigued with the teaching style. Captain Scarna has been with Boston EMS for 26 years; he currently is a Training Supervisor at the Boston EMS Academy and the Community EMT course.

"This was a unique opportunity to share the techniques and process of how we teach EMS in Boston," Boston EMS Chief Jim Hooley said. "We are honored that one of our staff was asked to

help with the collaboration in Italy. Captain Scarna is an excellent teacher with years of experience working with both EMS professionals and the public. This is a testament to the quality of training provided to our personnel here in Boston."

The TEMSEI is looking to model Boston EMS' methods of training and service delivery. They are hoping to transition from a dependence on physicians for advanced field-based clinical care, to having more skilled technicians manage pre-hospital care.

Captain Scarna traveled with another paramedic out of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and gave lectures on assessment and oversaw practical exercises. The Italian training system is lecture style with oral exams. At Boston EMS, the training program uses a more didactic approach, where lectures are spread out with practical exercises in small groups. Testing includes both written and prac-

tical exams. This kind of approach was "new to them," Scarna added.

Boston EMS is the City of Boston's premier emergency medical services provider and the largest municipal EMS service in New England. As a nationally recognized leader and innovator in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine, the department leverages the latest advances in both medicine and technology to bring cutting edge care to the streets of Boston. In 2011, Boston EMS' team of EMTs and Paramedics responded to nearly 108,000 calls for help and transported nearly 80,000 patients to area hospitals, making the department one of the busiest services in the country. The men and women of Boston EMS work tirelessly 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to deliver state-of-the-art pre-hospital emergency medical care to the people of Boston.

For more info, please go to www.cityofboston.gov/ems

Store Your Belongings with Confidence – Not With Fear of a Scam

Self-storage facilities dot the landscapes of new and older communities. Folks rent units to empty overflowing basements; to stash furnishings while moving or remodeling; or to store business supplies for future use. While most facilities are operated by reputable businesses, the Better Business Bureaus recommends checking out the business carefully before handing over your precious belongings.

In 2011, BBB received more than 1,000 complaints against storage units. Many of the complaints filed were from disgruntled consumers who were never able to access their storage units after paying a deposit, had goods damaged in the storage units and even consumers that had their belongings taken from the storage unit.

Consumers are advised to shop carefully before signing on the dotted line. BBB recommends understanding seven major factors before selecting a temporary storage facility.

Cost. Obtain written cost estimates from at least three facilities. Most will insist on inspecting your items before offering an estimate. Costs to consider include the monthly rental fee (usually there is a minimum monthly storage charge and a minimum number of month's storage); storage preparation, padding, pack-

ing or transportation fees; and fees for extra options (electricity, pest control, insurance) you may choose. Ask how the fees are to be paid and by what date.

Size. What size storage units are available? Is there a maximum weight limit for unit contents? Can you jam-pack the entire unit from floor to ceiling?

Climate. Consider the general climate and whether your belongings might be subject to mold or water damage. If so, you may want to consider an environmentally-controlled unit.

Insurance. Make sure your items are insured from theft, fire or other damage. The facility may provide basic insurance or you can choose to purchase insurance from an alternate source. Some homeowners' policies cover self-storage; check with your insurance agent to be sure you are covered.

Safety. You will need a heavy-duty, secure lock protecting your storage unit. Ask if the facility has surveillance cameras on the property and if a system is in place to restrict access by strangers. Ask for contact information to reach someone at the facility in case of an emergency, both during and after business hours.

Contract. Get everything in writing — the size and

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woods yet ... the economy still isn't where it needs to be." No way, Sherlock, no way!

Lows Out Number Highs in Obamanomics

The weak jobs report (see above) for May confirms what we already know about the president's policies: they have failed as we remain in the worse recovery since the Great Depression which my parents experienced. The negatives keep adding up on this guy inside the White House. Did you know that no U.S. President since FDR has gotten re-elected when the unemployment rate was above 7 percent? Did you know that we are now at 8.2 percent even after all the bailouts and TARP monies spent? Did you know that the actually number of unemployed folks is actually at 15 percent, or 88 million Americans? How about this, the best indicator of how bad things are is not the unemployment rate but the underemployment rate which right now is just at 19 percent. The president actually said recently that folks are so desperate that they will try anything to improve this ugly picture, even repeating what already has been tried and might I say, failed.

More proof of continued bad times? The number of Americans on food stamps is 45 million recipients or 1 in 7 Americans. Total government dependency stands at 47 percent, highest ever. This is one bad statistic which means the rest of us

are going to have to work even harder to help those folks getting government checks. What happens when the numbers get reversed and a majority of Americans are collecting? It does seem impossible for fewer people to be pulling the government wagon than the passengers inside it. Do we then become Greece?

Remember when President Reagan had his "Trickle Down Economics?" We now have President Obama's "Trickle Up Poverty."

We the People

Lots of liberals think our constitution has become outdated. I think it works find. Our Founding Fathers knew exactly what they were doing back then. Recently, in *USA Today*, Fred Smalkin who is a retired judge and is also jurist in residence at the University of Baltimore School of Law wrote, "Our Constitution, like the Common Law of England, is a short statement of fundamental principles that govern behavior. It elegantly balances power between the states and the federal government and between the government and the governed. No good would come from throwing it into the dustbin of history." Adding to this commentary in the same *USA Today* issue was Garry Sklar from North Woodmere, NY who stated, "Leave the Constitution alone. Gridlock in Washington will not last forever, but with the Constitution, our freedom will."

NEAA Baseball Clinic 2012



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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES Honored at State Corrections Award Ceremony

Deputies Stephen Miller and Patrick O'Brien received honors during the 15th Annual Correctional Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony.

Each year, the state's 14 sheriffs and the Massachusetts Commissioner of Correction nominate exemplary employees for these prestigious awards. A selection committee comprised of leaders from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Department of Correction, the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association, the Massachusetts Correction Officer Federated Union and the offices of Senator James E. Timilty and Representative Harold P. Naughton, Jr. decide which employees will be honored.

Held this year on June 1st at the Massachusetts State House in the House of Representatives Chamber, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department employees Deputy O'Brien and Deputy Miller were each awarded a Meritorious Award for their heroic actions in responding to a motor vehicle accident that occurred this past winter.

On February 9, 2011 while assigned to transportation and preparing to return seven detainees to the Nashua Street Jail from the Dorchester Courthouse in Codman Square, Deputies Miller and O'Brien witnessed



Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Assistant Deputy Superintendent Joe Casey, Deputy Patrick O'Brien, Superintendent of the Nashua Street Jail Eugene Sumpter, Deputy Stephen Miller and Deputy Superintendent Cliff Carney following the 15th Annual Correctional Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony at the Massachusetts State House.

a two-car accident on Melville Avenue. As a result of the collision, one of the vehicles rolled over on its side with the engine still running.

After calling the situation in to Central Control, and securing the detainees with the assistance of courthouse staff, Deputies O'Brien and Miller administered medical assistance to the unconscious male occupant of the overturned vehicle. While utilizing their medical training, the deputies were able to communicate with the victim once he regained consciousness, thus preventing

further injury.

Deputies Miller and O'Brien assisted the victim until members of the Boston Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services arrived to extricate the man from the wreck by cutting the roof from his vehicle.

At the ceremony — which featured Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS); Undersecretary for EOPSS, Sandra M. McCroom; and Department of Correction Commissioner, Luis S. Spencer among other notable attendees — the Deputies were presented with their awards by Superintendent of the Nashua Street Jail Eugene Sumpter, and received praise from officials and attendees alike.

"We see the work that you do on a daily basis," said Secretary Heffernan. "Your job is extremely challenging and extremely important. We're proud of you, and we're grateful to you."

"I am always humbled and honored to be able to recognize the job that you do," added Undersecretary McCroom. "I also want to recognize the families of the people being honored here today for all of the sacrifices you make in sending them to work every day."

Lyme Disease Awareness Preventing Ticks to Control Lyme

As springtime reaches full bloom and our neighbors, kids and pets venture outside more often to work or play, it's important to keep outdoor safety top of mind. National Lyme Disease Awareness which offers a natural opportunity for communities across Maine to focus their efforts on expanding awareness of this common tick-borne illness. According to the Wall Street Journal's March 27, 2012 article, "This Season's Ticking Bomb," experts are predicting an earlier increase in tick activity that could lead to higher cases of Lyme disease due to this winter's warmer-than-average temperatures.

Additionally, the American Lyme Disease Foundation states that, "due to the presence of large numbers of tick-preferred hosts in the Northeast and parts of the Midwest, Lyme disease has become the most common vector-borne disease in the U.S., with more than 150,000 cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 1981."

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts had nearly 2,600 confirmed cases of Lyme disease in 2010, with the highest incidence rates among children ages 5-9 and elderly adults ages 65-69. Surrounding states in the Northeast are also at risk. In fact, the CDC reported that Massachusetts, along with Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York and Pennsylvania were among the 12 states in which 94 percent of the 2010 Lyme disease cases originated.

Once transmitted, Lyme disease can cause facial or Bell's palsy, severe headaches and neck stiffness, pain and swelling in large joints and heart palpitations

as well as other effects among sufferers. However, it is difficult to diagnose as its symptoms can be attributed to other health problems. Left untreated, approximately 60 percent of Lyme disease sufferers experience arthritis, while 5 percent develop chronic neurological challenges months or years after the infection.

"Had I understood the potential severity of Lyme disease and taken the threat seriously, I might have saved my children from years of suffering," said Jennifer Reid, a mother of two children affected by Lyme disease and Community Coordinator for the CDC-endorsed BLAST Lyme Disease Prevention Program. "Preventing Lyme disease can be easier than you think with easy-to-implement steps," she adds.

In order to avoid lasting consequences and prevent tick bites, Reid recommends five simple steps families can take:

- Bathe soon after spending time outdoors.
- Look over your body every day for ticks and rashes.
- Apply repellent to exposed skin and clothing.
- Spray yards seasonally to reduce ticks.
- Treat pets for ticks and check them for ticks regularly.

With the peak of tick season lasting through July, these steps can help control the tick population and reduce the number of cases affecting the region. For more prevention tips from the BLAST program, visit <http://www.ridgefieldct.org>. To learn more about ways to safeguard your home from ticks and other pests, visit the RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) www.debugthemyths.com.

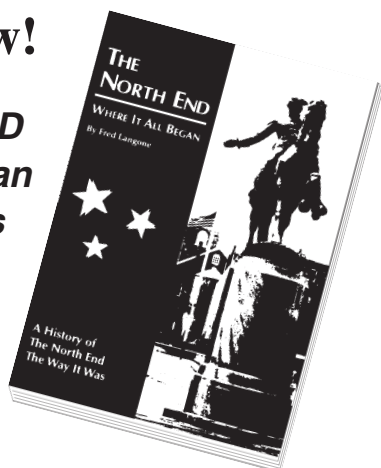
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THE FIRST BEAUTIFUL THING (DVD)
Palisades Tartan

This beautiful and touching comedic drama follows a strong and optimistic mother (Micaela Ramazzotti) as she tries to raise her two children against all odds. Throughout grief and pain she teaches her family to remain open and loving and to cherish the little joys in life. Filmed on location in Livorno, Italian director Paolo Virzi has crafted a heartwarming tale filled with unforgettable and emotional true-to-life performances that will make you laugh and cry, sometimes both at the same time.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (DVD)
Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Arthur Kipps (Daniel Radcliffe), a widowed lawyer whose grief has put his career in jeopardy, gets sent to a remote village to sort out the affairs of a recently deceased eccentric. But upon his arrival, it soon becomes clear that everyone in the town is keeping a deadly secret. Although the townspeople try to keep Kipps from learning of their tragic history, he soon discovers the ghost of a woman handles the house that belongs to his client. A woman, who is determined to find someone and something she lost ... and no one, not even the children are safe from her vengeance.

MUTANT GIRLS SQUAD (Blu-ray)
Well Go USA Ent.

Rin has always felt like an outcast among her classmates and peers and as she's about to turn sixteen, she finds out why. While her mother is human, her dad is a Hiruko, a race of mutant creatures whose bodies transform themselves in strange ways and can sprout weapons at will. Suddenly, Defense Minister Koshimizu launches a crusade to eliminate the Hirukos in the name of public safety. After the death of her parents, Rin makes her way to a training camp for young Hirukos. She then develops long blades where her fingers used to be, and teams up with fellow teenage warriors who have unique bodily weapons of their own, and set out to take down Kishimizu. Organ donors? Probably not a good idea!

ALBERT NOBBS (Blu-ray)
Lionsgate

The critically acclaimed story of a woman living her life as a man, 'Albert Nobbs' is an enchantingly beautiful movie. Nominated for three Academy Awards, plus three Golden Globes, Glenn Close as Albert Nobbs, delivers a powerhouse performance, posing as a man in order to work and survive in 19th cen-

tury Ireland. Some thirty years after donning men's clothing, she finds herself trapped in a prison of her own making.

RANSOM (Blu-ray)
Touchstone Home Ent.

'Ransom' celebrates its 15th anniversary, and it's first on Blu-ray. Tom Mullen (Mel Gibson) is a wealthy executive whose life is suddenly shattered when a gang of ruthless criminals, abduct his young son and holds him for ransom. But it's the kidnappers who are shocked when Mullen boldly turns the tables in a last-ditch effort to rescue his boy. Rene Russo and Gary Sinise join an excellent cast in a brilliant thriller that pays off with nonstop excitement!

BREAKING BAD - FOURTH SEASON (4-DVD)
Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Chemistry teacher Walter White's dark transformation to full-blown criminal reaches lethal new heights as his battle of wits with vicious drug kingpin Gus Fring (Giancarlo Esposito) continues. Bryan Cranston won three Best Actor Emmys for his role as Walt, and stars alongside Aaron Paul, Emmy winner for Best Supporting Actor, for his portrayal of Walt's colleague Jesse, in this critically acclaimed dramatic series. Catch all 13 episodes on 4 discs, plus over 13 hours of bonus features.

CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM - SEASON EIGHT (2-DVD)
HBO Home Ent.

Larry David is living the bachelor life. With his divorce finalized, Larry's run-ins with celebrities, politicians, and new girlfriends prompt whole new levels of social inappropriateness, even for him. When a faulty alibi lands him back in his hometown of New York, Larry's social assassin skills are let loose on the Big Apple. David manages to offend everyone from Ricky Gervais to Michael J. Fox to Mayor Bloomberg. Will New York change Larry, or vice-versa?

NEW YORK GIANTS: ROAD TO XLVI (4-DVD)
Vivendi Ent.

For the second time in five years, the New York Giants are world champions! Now the original network broadcasts of the Giants' entire 2011 playoff run are yours to enjoy on this 4-disc set. It was a season to be savored for the Big Blue faithful. Catch the final four games versus Atlanta, Green Bay, San Francisco, to the crowning glory versus the New England Patriots. It was a season to be savored for the Big Blue faithful. Over these four games, New York captured the imagination of an entire nation, and their life story became a new chapter in championship history.

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

FILLING THAT BIG HOLE IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON

BRA Director Peter Meade reports he is awaiting good news from developer Millennium Partners' and its plan to grow something on the big hole in the ground by Washington and Franklin Streets that once was Filene's and ease as he called it the city's "collective psyche." I like to call it filling up the hole, which is a disgrace to the history of Downtown Boston and its citizenry. Back in February when Millennium took control of the idle One Franklin property from Vornado Real Estate, City Hall expected a new plan before the month of May. That timetable was changed but Meade is still upbeat about the project.

Meade says he expects the historic and gutted Burnham building at the corner of Washington and Summer Streets to get a redo first before moving to the Big Hole that looks like a giant sinkhole. Meade hopes the Burnham building work will begin by the end of the year and construction on the Big Hole sometime next year.

BROWN ACCEPTS SECOND DEBATE INVITE

U.S. Senator Scott Brown has now accepted two radio debate invitations to date. Warren to date has yet to accept any. When Warren stood at the podium at the state convention, she said she wanted to debate Brown soon. He has agreed to appear on the "Jim and Margery Show" on WTKK-96.9 FM and on Dan Rea's "Nightside" on WBZ 1030 AM. Brown said, "Debates are an opportunity to get beyond the sound bites and find out where the candidates really stand." To date both have agreed to two TV debates. One will air out in western Massachusetts and the very first one on WBZ-TV hosted by Jon Keller.

WHAT? POODLE OWNER TAKES ON TROUBLE!

A Springfield dog owner was recently arrested as he allegedly took a knife to the owners of a pit bull after his poodle took on the pit bull. Two boys were walking the pit bull when the unleashed poodle attacked the leashed pit bull. According to the Springfield Police, the pit bull was bitten and the poodle was shaken up but the "poodle was definitely the aggressor." The poodle's owner was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. You know

the old saying, if the owner acts like a pit bull, why shouldn't his little poodle think likewise.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Congrats go out to Anthony and Anna Gaeta who just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 3.

I'M WITH MICKEY ROACHE

Suffolk County Register of Deeds Mickey Roache is running for re-election in the September primary. Mickey told me back in March over in Southie that it looked like he had a primary fight this year. Recently, while driving around Sullivan Square, I noticed the large campaign banner facing traffic at that rotary. The banner on the Teamsters Local 25 building was supporting Mickey's opponent Tiziano Todo for register of deeds. The Teamsters are going to have to do a lot of work to defeat Roache who is one of the nicest elected officials I have ever met. I have known him for over 35 years and consider him both a great friend and over the years as a Boston city councilor, a great politician too.

KUDOS TO WRITE-IN WINNER

Congrats go out to Gennaro Riccio who became the first write-in candidate to win a seat on the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council, getting nearly 50 percent of the votes casts. I bumped into his mother Linda driving by on Hanover Street recently and she was one proud mom and quite excited about her son's victory on his first try.

NO MORE PLATTERS IN CUPBOARD

Herb Reed, the last surviving original member of the Fifties vocal group the Platters, who sang hits such as "Only You" and "The Great Pretender," has died at 83. He passed away in a Boston hospice. He was a Kansas City, MO native and founded the Platters way back in 1953. Reed came up with the group's name, inspired by '50s disc jockeys who called their records platters. Their first major recording contract came in 1955. Reed sang bass on four of their number one hits, "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," "Twilight Time" and my favorite "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 1998. Their recordings are now in the Grammy Hall of Fame. He was still perform-

ing on stage up till last year as "Herb Reed and the Platters."

A BLAST FROM THE PAST FUNDRAISER

I bumped into Marie Giardina at Dunkin' Donuts in the Heights recently, she was selling chances for St. Joseph/St. Lazarus Parish and also told me about the parish's upcoming fundraising dance. Friday night, June 15 at 7:00 pm. Boogie on down to Don Orione Hall to music from the '50s, '60s and '70s with Phil Brangiforte and laugh it up with hypnotist Stevie Marino. For tickets call Mary Beth at 617-569-0406. If you're reading this story here on Thursday, you better call quickly.

THIS WAS AN EASY WIN

An East Boston friend of mine recently went down to Foxwoods and wasn't having a very great time at the slots. However, as she was walking through the place, she noticed what looked like a dollar bill on the ground just in front of her. She walked over, bent down and picked it up. To her amazement, the dollar bill turned into a C-note. She looked around, folded it up neatly, placed it in her pocket and walked away a very happy gal. How come that never happens to me? Oh, yeah, and you too?

GREAT COLUMN HEADING, ISN'T IT?

My weekly commentary "Thinking Out Loud" originated over in the old *Charles-town Patriot* when Gloria Conway published it. I liked the title so much; I dumped my then column title of "Forefront" for Gloria's catchy name brand. Recently, while reading a copy of the *Merrimack Journal* from New Hampshire. I saw a column by a writer named Michael Cleveland entitled "Stop Him Before He Writes More." Catchy too, isn't it? When you think about all my *Post-Gazette* columns, I wonder why readers never suggested Mr. Michael Cleveland's column name for all my stuff?

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN:
(never known to fail) O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here You are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none who can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer 3 consecutive days and then publish, and it will be granted to you.

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• **Storage Scam** (Continued from Page 8)

location of the unit, options (such as climate-control) that you have selected, termination regulations, insurance coverage, and payment terms. Make sure the facility has several different ways to get in touch with you (home phone, cell phone, email, etc.) in case there is ever a problem with your unit or your payment.

Access. What are the hours and related charges for accessing your unit? Is there adequate room for parking and is the distance from your car/truck to the rental unit acceptable? Does the facility offer dollies or handtrucks to help you move your belongings in and out? Make sure you can easily move your possessions in

and out with reasonable ease.

Lastly, pay attention to your monthly bill or credit card statement to make sure you are up-to-date on your payments. You don't want your storage unit to be labeled "abandoned" and put up for auction.

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DUKES OF SEPTEMBER RHYTHM REVENUE consist of three R&B legends, singer/pianist Donald Fagen, vocalist/keyboardist Michael McDonald and singer/guitarist Boz Scaggs. See MUSIC SECTION for further details.

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NEIL DIAMOND — June 23, 2012. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Kennedy Center Honoree, will take his greatest hits on the road on a much-anticipated North American tour. Neil Diamond has had numerous hits including: "Forever in Blue Jeans," "Cherry, Cherry," "Sweet Caroline," "I'm a Believer," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Red, Red Wine," "America" and many more. Neil's musical career spans nearly five decades.

AEROSMITH — July 17 & 19, 2012. America's greatest rock and roll band, will start your summer sizzling and have you dancing around the fires of rock n' roll again. After blowing away audiences in South America and Japan, the Bad Boys from Boston are back to rock America's soul, with The Global Warming Tour. The band celebrated their fortieth anniversary in 2010 and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. This quintessential live act truly defined rock and roll as we know it, bringing their heart-pounding sound and millions of fans to their feet over the past four decades. Aerosmith are a living piece of American music history, having sold over 150 million albums worldwide and been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. **Cheap Trick** will open the show.

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NORAH JONES — Sunday, July 1, 2012. Norah Jones has set a May 1 release date for *Little Broken Hearts* (Blue Note/EMI), her stunning new album produced by Danger Mouse (aka Brian Burton). Jones has also revealed the album cover and track listing of the 12-song set, which features original songs co-written by Jones and Burton. Jones first emerged on the world stage 10 years ago with the 2002 release of *Come Away With Me*, her self-described "moody little record" that introduced a singular new voice and grew into a global phenomenon, sweeping the 2003 Grammy Awards.

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DUKES OF SEPTEMBER RHYTHM REVENUE — August 9, 2012. Three R&B legends, singer/pianist Donald Fagen, vocalist/keyboardist Michael McDonald and singer/guitarist Boz Scaggs make up the *Dukes of September Rhythm Revue*. This ensemble has taken this tour across the country performing classic rock, R&B and Motown hits from the '60s and '70s. The musicians take turns on lead vocals and even perform some of their own hits. In an

interview with *Rolling Stone Magazine*, Fagen says that the idea behind the group "... was to play music that we all liked when we were kids — music that made us want to become musicians in the first place." **Donald Fagen** is the co-leader/founder and keyboardist for **Steely Dan**. Some of his hits include "Do It Again," "Reeling in the Years," "Rikki Don't Lose That Number," "Dirty Work," "Bodhisattva," "My Old School," "Night By Night," "Pretzel Logic," "Black Friday," "Bad Sneakers," and "Third World Man." **Michael McDonald** is a five-time Grammy winning artist and songwriter who is known for his work with various charitable causes, as well as his days with **The Doobie Brothers**. Some hits include "What a Fool Believes," "Takin' It to the Streets," and his Grammy award winning rendition of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." **Boz Scaggs** is a Grammy Award winning guitarist who you may recognize from his contributions to the **Steve Miller Band**. His hits include "Look What You've Done to Me," "Lowdown," "Isn't It Time," "Hard Times," "Jojo," and more! Don't miss these three musicians as they take you on a music revue of some of classic hits of the '60s and '70s this summer!

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MANHATTAN TRANSFER — June 26-27, 2012. Enjoy the sounds of 'Manhattan Transfer' with hits such as *Operator*, *Chanson D'Amour*, *The Boy from New York City*, *Route 66* and many more as they celebrate their 40th year anniversary tour. Shows at 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

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HELLO, DOLLY! — Now through June 24, 2012. When matchmaker, Dolly Levi, is hired to arrange a marriage for the miserly half-a-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, she finds him the perfect mate — herself! But first she must rejoin the race of life she stopped running when she was widowed and win the heart of her unsuspecting "husband-to-be". Filled with elaborate costumes, high-energy choreography and brimming with joyful tunes, *Hello, Dolly* is a delectable treat for all ages.

ANNIE — July 17-29, 2012. One of the world's best-loved musicals! *Annie*, tells the charming story of a spunky Depression-Era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In her fun filled adventures, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's schemes, befriends the President and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his sec-

retary Grace and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

ALL SHOOK UP — August 14-26, 2012. An uproarious new musical featuring the unforgettable hits of Elvis Presley! *All Shook Up* is the romantic and whacky, mixed-up tale of a guitar playin' roustabout who rides into a struggling town and turns it upside-down. With a hilarious story inspired by one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies and written by Joe DiPietro, writer of *Memphis*, this fun and exciting musical guarantees to have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes!

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MAMMA MIA! — June 19 through June 24, 2012. Set in a beach resort in the Mediterranean, *Mamma Mia!* tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be with one wish: to have her absent father walk her down the aisle. After reading passages about three old lovers in her mom's diary, Sophie sends each a wedding invitation in hopes of learning which is her dad. The arrival of the men from her past is surprising to Donna, Sophie's fiercely independent mother, who prides herself on getting through life without a man, and highly amusing to Donna's two best gal pals. The more Sophie and her mother struggle to find truth and understanding, the more it threatens to tear them apart and wreck Sophie's dream wedding.

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THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES — Now through June 23. It's unlikely that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ever envisioned his story being turned into a comedy. The Sherlock Holmes tale is set on a desolate landscape, where the great detective and Dr. Watson investigate an ancient family curse that causes its victims to be mauled by a demonic dog. But this is not your mother's Sherlock Holmes! Sparkling, fizzy and way over the top, this show comes at you like a freight train of laughs that carries everyone in its path along for a high speed ride into brilliant dialogue and terrific physical comedy. It's layered with literary, theatrical and everyday references that come at you so fast and furious that all that laughing can literally take your breath away. Come enjoy this "wonderful, whacky and witty evening of theatre."

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MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT offers a chance to revisit Hollywood's silver screen and modern classics. In honor of its 25th Anniversary, the Boston Harbor Hotel will feature movies from 1987 for the month of August. The cool evening breeze and view from the terrace of the Rows Wharf Sea Grille set the stage to enjoy these classic films by the sea. Movies begin at dusk. June 15 *The Way We Were*; June 22 *Johnny Dangerously*; June 29 *The Magnificent Seven*; July 6 *Yankee Doodle Dandy*; July 13 *An American in Paris*; July 20 *On the Waterfront*; July 27 *Jaws*; August 3 *Princess Bride*; August 10 *Moonstruck*; August 17 *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*; August 24 *Dirty Dancing* and August 31 *Roxanne*.

Movies and performances are subject to change, weather permitting. For a complete listing of the City Entertainment Series, visit bhh.com.

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CONCERTS

June 16 — WODS Oldies Concert - *Starship with Mickey Thomas* at 7:00 pm; July 18 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Fiesta Sinfonica* from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm; July 21 — WODS Oldies Concert - *Burton Cummings of The Guess Who and Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad* at 7:00 pm; July 25 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical*

Concert - At The River from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; July 29 — *Harvard University Summer Pops Concert* at 3:00 pm; August 1 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Boston Civic Symphony* from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 4 — WODS Oldies Concert - *Rick Springfield* at 7:00 pm; August 8 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Boston Lyric Opera* from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 15 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Longwood Symphony Orchestra* from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 22 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Landmarks Virtuosos* from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 29 — *Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Commonwealth Shakespeare Company* from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; September 8 — *MLXfest Concert* from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

THE HIGHLAND STREET FREE FUN FRIDAYS PROGRAM invites you to visit a designated museum or attraction in the Boston area for FREE over during the summer.

June 29 — Tanglewood, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Heritage Museums & Gardens, Museum of African American History. July 6 — Boston Children's Museum, Stone Zoo, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Wenham Museum, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. July 13 — Franklin Park Zoo, Children's Museum at Holyoke, Danforth Museum of Art, Decordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Reagle Music Theatre. July 20 — Buttonwood Park Zoo, Mass Audubon Visual Arts Center, Hancock Shaker Village, Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, Higgins Armory Museum. July 27 — Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Children's Museum in Easton, Springfield Museums, N.E. Historic Genealogical Society, New Repertory Theatre. August 3 — Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Norman Rockwell Museum, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Fuller Craft Museum, Arnold Arboretum. August 10 — Battleship Cove, Berkshire Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Fruitlands Museum, The Sports Museum. August 17 — Institute of Contemporary Art, Edward Gorey House, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Garden in The Woods, Concord Museum. August 24 — Boston Harbor Island Alliance, USS Constitution Museum, American Textile History Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Basketball Hall of Fame. August 31 — JFK Library & Museum, Plimoth Plantation, The Discovery Museums, Mass Moca, Ecotarium.

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FRANCO CORSO: A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA BOCELLI AND FRIENDS — Saturday, September 15. With a voice that melts hearts and instills passion, Franco Corso is the newest Italian singing sensation in America. His distinctive and powerful baritone voice has been called elegant and provoca-

annual summer event that honors distinguished New England athletes. Red Sox Legend Pedro Martinez leads the honoree lineup. Also included are Honorees: Alexi Lalas, Jeremy Jacobs, Robert Parish, Chris Ernst and Rodney Harrison for the Signature Summer Celebration of Boston Sports.

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THE INVENTION OF FANTASY EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY VENICE — Now through September 30, 2012. Venice in the eighteenth century, the age of Casanova, was one of the pleasure centers of Europe, famed for its theater and opera and its carnival maskers. Even today, the city, when compared with ordinary cities, appears to be a fantasy, a dream, a hallucination. Giovanni Battista Tiepolo's voluptuous painted cloudscapes with figures opened illusionistic light-filled vistas in ceilings; his drawings and prints have a comparable aerial lightness and luminosity. He was assisted by his son Domenico, who, when he retired from painting about 1785, concentrated on making finished drawings on biblical and mythological themes, as well as remarkably playful and whimsical scenes of Venetian daily life. The Museum's *The Milliner's Shop* (above) is one of the finest of these drawings. Other artists in the exhibition include Canaletto and the early Piranesi.

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LOST EGYPT: ANCIENT SECRETS, MODERN SCIENCE — Now through September 3, 2012. A new, temporary exhibit that will provide visitors with an immersive quest for knowledge that reveals how archaeologists use modern science and technology to uncover and understand the ancient civilization of Egypt. Through hands-on challenges, authentic artifacts, and guidance from real archaeologists, visitors will unearth the mysteries of Egypt, its culture and its people. This interactive exhibit features a real human mummy and animal mummies, as well as scans, forensic facial reconstructions and for the first time ever, a life-size rapid prototype of a mummy in a stage of "unwrapping." Visitors can also explore a recreation of an Egyptian tomb and authentic art and artifacts from the daily life and funerary culture of ancient Egypt. "The interactive nature of this exhibit makes it a truly unique educational experience," said Paul Leyden, complex director at RBC Wealth Management. "We are pleased to sponsor this exhibit for the Boston community."

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! After a thunderstorm destroyed his Nissan beyond repair, Greg Rubar was taking buses and arriving late to his shift as a server at an Italian restaurant in Houston. A pair of his regular customers noticed. When he walked in one day last month, the couple was waiting for him over a modest meal of potato cabbage soup and wine. Along with \$26 for the bill, the man slipped Rubar a white envelope and said, "Go buy yourself a car." Rubar thanked him, but only later opened it to find \$5,000 in \$100 bills. "He told me he wasn't going to tip me for awhile," Rubar said. Unbelievable! A high school nurse in Florida refused to let a student use his inhaler during an asthma attack because his mother hadn't signed the proper form. With the nurse looking on, Michael Rudi, 17, was suffocating when his mother arrived with an inhaler. The nurse "looked at me, and did nothing," said Rudi. "It's like something out of a horror film."

Motorist John Davis of Ohio tried to hand two \$1 bills to a wheelchair-bound panhandler and dropped one to the ground. Minutes later, police gave Davis a \$500 littering ticket. His offense was listed as: "Throw paper out of the window." Weird! Gregg Allman is taking his seventh trip down the aisle, said the *New York Daily News*. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, 64, is engaged to his 24-year-old girlfriend, Shannon Williams. Though he has six marriages and four decades on his future bride, Allman said in a recent interview that things are different this time. "This time," he said, "I am really in love." Carlo Scostumato, says, "Love quickens all the senses — except common sense." Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "What a nice world this world would be if we loved others as we love ourselves."

Love may be blind but it seems to find its way around. Ah, love! One of the great mysteries of life. Nikki Giovanni, the poet, once said: "We love because it is the only true adventure." And it was Eva Gabor who said: "Love is a game that two can play and both win." When did people start marrying? The first recorded evidence of marriage contracts and ceremonies dates to 4,000 years ago, in Mesopotamia. In the ancient world, marriage served primarily as a means of preserving power, with kings and other members of the ruling class marrying off daughters to forge alliances, acquire land and produce legitimate heirs. Even in the lower classes, women had little say over whom they married. The purpose of marriage was the production of heirs, as implied by the Latin word *matrimonium*, which is derived from *mater* (mother). When did the church get involved? In ancient Rome, marriage was a civil affair governed by imperial law. In 1215, marriage was declared one of the church's seven sacraments, alongside rites like baptism and penance. But it was only in the 16th century that the church decreed that weddings be performed by a priest and before witnesses. What role did love play? For most of human history, almost none at all. Marriage was considered too serious a matter to be based on such fragile emotion. Love and marriage were once widely regarded as incompatible with one another. A Roman politician was expelled from the Senate in the 2nd century B.C. for kissing his wife in public — behavior the essayist Plutarch condemned as "Disgraceful." It was said, any man who was in love with his wife was probably too dull to be loved by another woman.

For thousands of years, law and custom enforced the subordination of wives to husbands. But as the women's rights movement gained strength in the late 19th and 20th centuries, wives slowly began to insist on being regarded as their husbands' equals, rather than their property. Couples could choose how many children to have, and even to have no children at all. Marriage had become primarily a personal contract between two equals seeking love, stability and happiness. This new definition opened the door to gays and lesbians claiming a right to be married, too.

Ah marriage. Before we were ready to take our marriage vows, I told my beautiful wife-to-be, Marilyn, I had three rules to ensure a happy marriage. First rule, thou should not get out of bed to make me breakfast. Second rule, thou should cook whatever you please. And the third rule, thou will be in charge of money. "Should I come home from work and discover you wearing a mink coat, I'll fall on my knees and thank God we can afford it!" Yes! Yes! Yes! She knew how to handle money and how to invest it! I never bothered asking her how much money we had! Even when we filed our income taxes, she handled it along with our CPA. Bless her! ... Enough said.

Interesting to note, for the first time in U.S. history, neither of the two major presidential candidates has ever served in the military. Attention swimming pool lovers! One in five Americans admits having urinated in a public swimming pool, and 70% say they jump in without showering. Health scare! Severe snorers are more likely to develop cancer. In two new studies, researchers analyzed the medical records of patients with sleep apnea, a disorder in which throat muscles collapse during slumber, causing thunderous snoring and dangerous pauses in nighttime breathing. Apnea has previously been linked to cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes and depression. Some 28 million Americans have sleep apnea, but unless a bed partner complains, the disorder often goes undiagnosed.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill claims women can cure their husband's snoring by kindness, patience — or stuffing an old sock in his mouth. Lights out! Detroit Mayor Dave Bing plans to save money by reducing the number of streetlights in the financially strapped city from 88,000 to 46,000. The move might nudge residents into occupying a smaller urban footprint, since some distressed areas will no longer have street lighting. Big deal! The typical CEO of an American company made \$9.6 million last year. A person making the national median salary of \$39,312 would have to work for 244 years to make that much. Ordinary workers received an average 1 percent pay raise in 2011, while top executives' salaries climbed 6 percent.

Companies run by CEOs who have served in the military are less likely to commit fraud than those run by non-vet executives, according to a new study by researchers at Harvard and Boston universities. But it also found that military CEOs produce lower returns for their companies. Interesting useless information: Bank robber John Dillinger played professional baseball. Basketball was invented by Canadian James Naismith in 1891. A wind with a speed of seventy-four miles per hour or more is designated a hurricane. In Cleveland, Ohio, it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license. A Virginia law requires all bathtubs to be kept out in the yard, not inside the house. Show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Drummer Gene Krupa studied for the priesthood before becoming a professional musician. A man of many talents, Xavier Cugat has also been a syndicated caricature artist. Prior to becoming an actor, Burt Reynolds played football at Florida State University and was drafted by the Baltimore Colts. Mary Tyler Moore's first show business work came as a pixie in Happy Hotpoint commercials on the TV series "Ozzie and Harriet." Singer/pianist Nellie Lutcher played in big bands with her bass-playing father. Her first single record, "Hurry On Down" in 1947, sold a million that year. Singer Peggy Lee composed the theme music for the movies "Johnny Guitar" (1954) and "The Time Machine" (1960). Ginger Roger's true name is Virginia Katherine McMath. **AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME**



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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VINE-RIPENED TOMATO SALAD

3 vine-ripened tomatoes	1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves chopped (optional)
1 large cucumber	3 tablespoons virgin olive oil
1 large onion	Salt and black pepper to taste
3 tablespoons dried oregano	
1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves chopped (optional)	

Wash tomatoes thoroughly. Cut each tomato lengthwise into quarters. Cut each quarter into one-inch portions. Place in serving bowl. Then remove outer skin from cucumber and slice thinly as for salad. Add to tomatoes. Remove skin from onion. Wash and cut in half, lengthwise. Slice halves into 1/3" long slices. Add to tomatoes and cucumber slices. Cut in some fresh basil leaves and/or fresh mint leaves, sprinkle oregano and virgin olive oil over contents in the bowl. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly before serving.

The combination of vine-ripened tomatoes plus the above mentioned herbs mixed with virgin olive oil enhances the flavor of this salad though regular olive oil, canola or vegetable oil can be used.

Note: When I prepare this vine-ripened tomato salad today, I often think about growing up in Boston's North End. Fresh vine-ripened tomatoes were only available for sale during mid-summer. However, from springtime to fall, during those depression days, we experienced the sight and fragrances of "container gardens" resting on our fire escapes and roof areas. My friends and I saw tomatoes grow from the small yellow blossoms that appeared on the tomato plants in containers.

Some North Enders rented gardening lots in Revere or Woburn to grow their tomatoes, vegetables and herbs. I waited patiently for tomatoes and cucumbers to be harvested from my parent's garden lot in Silver Lake, Wilmington, MA.

Mama served us the fresh tomato salad for lunch many times together with our fresh bread, some cheese and roasted black olives. We also enjoyed the salad with suppers of baked poultry or meats.

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• **LaMattina** (Continued from Page 2)

guests I met at his time were Tommy Abisso, president of the St. Joseph Club and my old Townie friend Jimmy Carroll, who I believe heads up the Charlestown Irish Division of the St. Joseph Club. Jimmy who is a touch of Italian is the most Italian-Irish guy I know. He was at the time like me to support our district councilor.

I also ran into the Sullivan sisters, Merry Sullivan White and Erin Sullivan. Their father started Sullivan's Pub on Main Street and their grandfather started Sully's down past the rink by Washington Street. My

Uncle Jim Callahan and their grandfather both owned businesses down at the old Potato Sheds of yesteryear.

The campaign is now on in Suffolk County and you can bet you will be seeing Sal everywhere garnishing support. If you missed the June 5 time, don't worry, there will be plenty of other times for you to enjoy. This is politics not beanbag and all politics is, after all, local and I do mean local.

One final note, I want to say "Hi" to the best waitress in Boston, Kali over at The Point on Hanover Street.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week I was talking about the evolution of my folk's generation after WW II. Dad had been teaching machine shop at East Boston High School, and was approached one day by someone he knew in administration. It seems that this man, Joe Hennessey, had a friend who was running for the school committee. He was from Jamaica Plain and knew no one in East Boston. Mr. Hennessey asked Dad if he would help out in campaign matters as Dad was perceived to be well connected in Eastie. Dad first wanted to meet Hennessey's friend and a dinner meeting was arranged. Dan McDevett and Dad hit it off right away. He was personable and seemed honest. After dinner, Dad agreed to help in any way he could. As a result of Dad's marketing McDevett in East Boston, he topped the ticket in the school committee race that year.

Not long after McDevett was sworn in, he called Dad and asked him to meet him after school at the school committee headquarters. It seems that the school department wanted to implement a new concept within the Boston schools. It would be a facility that handled the latest in electronics and science. Dad was interested. The new facility would be called the Department of Audio/Visual Education, and would supply films, projectors, cameras, wire recorders, etc. to all schools ... as well as program science experiments for the junior high schools in the city. Dad was interested. He said yes to joining the new department when he was told that his friend Mr. Joe Hennessey would be the director.

Dad transferred from East Boston High School to the new department which opened operations at Girls Latin School, which at that point in time, was housed in one end of Boston Teachers College on Huntington Avenue. On his first day, he met two other men who had been recruited as pioneers for the opening of the department. One was Les Morris and the other Mike Barca, who would become one of Dad's best friends over the next few years.

Dad, in the beginning would head out to different schools and show films that were requested, or make recordings on wire (later tape) at the different schools. They also specialized in the use of photography at special school

department events. As the department grew, Dad began to take courses at Boston Teachers College and B.U. As a result, he was given the responsibility of designing science experiments and shipping the necessary materials to the junior high schools throughout the city.

The new department became a success, and before you knew it, each school in the city had its own audio visual equipment and a trained person who could handle the mechanics involved (thanks to Dad). This relieved him, Les and Mike from having to go to the schools each day. As a result, the department began to grow, and the original four men increased to six, then eight, then ten. Specialists in various forms of electronics and communications were added to the roster and the new division grew even faster, eventually being called the Campbell Resource Center. Dad would remain with the program until he retired from the school department.

Beginning in the late 1940s, the music scene began to change in Boston. The big band era was coming to an end and most of the restaurants that previously offered entertainment replaced bands, singers and dancers with cocktail pianists. Both Dad and Uncle Nick gave up playing steady night club jobs in favor of working for band leaders who specialized in playing for dances, weddings, christenings, bar mitzvahs, debutante parties, proms, etc ... At first, they hooked up with a former sax student of Uncle Nick's, Ray DiGiovanni, from East Boston. Ray became a professional musician after a couple of years of study with Uncle Nick and put together an orchestra under his new professional name, Ray Digg. They would become a mainstay at the Ocean View Ball Room which was located at the beginning of Revere Beach. As a matter of fact, Kelley's Roast Beef half way down the beach has a picture of the ballroom and Ray's band with Uncle Nick on lead sax and Dad on bass violin playing for the dancers. Dad, a couple of years later, would team up with a trumpeter named Barney Mould. Barney had played many of the Jewish affairs in Boston. Both Dad and Uncle Nick would develop reputations of being able to play club dates (single performances) that included just about any type of music,

and for a while, worked just about every night of the week.

Dad would have summers off from the school department. An old musician friend, Chet Nelson, began to book the music for county fairs that took place in many of the northeastern states. Dad also played tuba and Sousaphone and went on the road with Chet during July and August, playing between sulky races during the afternoons and for the variety shows at night at each fair ground. Since Mom didn't work and school was out for me too, he brought us with him to almost every fair he played at. I even landed a job while we were on the road. A man from South Boston, named Louie, handled the scenery for most of the fairs, and in spite of my age, put me to work setting up staging. I was only 11 or 12 and was making \$35.00 a week as his helper.

When Dad had time off, we were often invited to stay in Maine with Mike Barca and his family. Mike, Dad's closest friend from the Department of Audio and Visual Education, was married to a "down Mainer." As a result, he built a cottage on a lake in Maine and my folks and I grew to love staying for a few days at a time. This inspired Dad to buy a cottage near Mike's, on Lake Maranacook in Winthrop, Maine. From then on, Mom and I would travel with Dad to the county fairs only in July. During August, we stayed on the lake in Maine. Over time, Dad began to back off playing in August and joined us, making our stays in Maine some of the best experiences in my young life. We grew to love the people, the area and constant get togethers with the locals and other summer residents. Nanna and Babbononno came with us many times and enjoyed something they never experienced in their younger days, a summer's vacation.

Beginning when I was 13, I started a 10 year stay working at the Seville Theater in East Boston. Mr. Ray, the manager gave me the month of August off each year so I was free and clear of any youthful responsibilities. Having my own spending money allowed me to rent a horse for the month of August. There was a riding stable near the beginning of the town of Winthrop, and as I loved horses and riding, I was able to afford a summer rental. My horse for several summers was a pinto named Fearless Fosdick, after a character in the Dick Tracy comics. These summer vacations continued until I was out of college. Things began to change after that. Most of my age group no longer accompanied their parents to Maine and it wasn't the same. I, too, began to go places on my own, but that's a story for another day. GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Valor Act (Continued from Page 4)

tems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

The VALOR Act also calls for the state Board of Higher Education to require each public institution of higher education to develop a set of policies and procedures governing the evaluation of a student's military occupation(s), military training, coursework and experience, in order to determine whether academic credit shall be awarded for such experience, training and coursework. The policy must be in place by March 1, 2013.

"This new law encompasses some of the very best ideas presented by my colleagues in the Legislature and the veterans of the Commonwealth to assist veterans and their families at a time when we are seeing an increase of military men and women returning from deployment overseas," said Senator Michael Rush. "The signing of the VALOR Act by Governor Patrick marks a proud moment in which Massachusetts renews its commitment to provide for our veterans, service members and their families."

"I thank Governor Patrick, Lieutenant Governor Murray, and the entire Administration for working in partnership with the Legislature to improve services for Massachusetts veterans," said Representative James Vallee. "As a veteran, I understand first-hand the challenges military servicemen and women may experience in their transition home, and I am honored to help the Commonwealth expand access and availability for a range of critical services to support our fellow veterans."

The VALOR Act also streamlines the process for school-aged children of military personnel to transfer between school districts and states; prohibits local hiring authorities from requesting any military medical records that are not requested by the Human Resources Department and eliminates the \$2,500 cap that applies to years six and beyond of the property tax exemption for surviving spouses of a soldier, sailor or member of the National Guard whose death occurred as a proximate re-

sult of an injury sustained or disease contracted in a combat zone.

MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' SERVICES

More than 385,000 veterans currently live in Massachusetts, including 37,000 men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11. The Patrick-Murray Administration has worked to ensure newly returning veterans, as well as Massachusetts' aging veteran population, continue to receive quality health, education benefits, housing and employment services to honor their service.

Last fall, after working with the state legislature and the veterans' community, Lieutenant Governor Murray introduced an initiative in partnership with major trade associations in Massachusetts to encourage their employers to hire veterans and circulate information on veterans' benefits. Additionally, the Patrick-Murray Administration launched an Interagency Task Force on Hiring Veterans, directing all executive branch agencies to promote the benefits of hiring veterans. Through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, veterans are also now given the option to list their veteran status on the front of their driver's license and state identification cards in order to more easily access services. The Patrick-Murray Administration also proposed to increase veterans' services by 13% in the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.

The Patrick-Murray Administration launched a web portal MassVetsAdvisor.org to help veterans and their family access over 200 state and federal benefits in one location. MassVetsAdvisor provides access to programs for education, counseling, employment, health care and other services.

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Il lettore potra' credere che si tratti solo di fantascienza non rendendosi conto che molta della tecnologia che occorre e' gia' stata sperimentata. Stiamo a vedere!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...?

Even though the talented ones continue to leave Italy to work abroad and also be appreciated, there are, however, creative activities that are significantly important not only for their originality but also for their global vision.

Two important patents have recently been recorded in Rome by the University of Cagliari and by the Italian Space Agency (ASI). One of the patents, of global interest, concerns a system to change the (planet) Mars' atmosphere and soil into an environment in which men can live and work. This project, international in its intent, has been financed by ASI with a grant of 500,000 euro (@ \$665,000), for the planet's exploration. The director of the project, Giacomo Cao, dean of the chemical engineering department at the University of Cagliari, stated that "the next step ought to be for Italy to prepare, through the ASI, a 'task force' to work on these (two) projects, and be able to be part of an international scenario." The other patent concerns solely Mars' exploration, where to produce whatever is indispensable to the survival of the astronauts, and stated "Cao, to the exploitation of Mars' atmosphere and soil in order to produce whatever is necessary to the astronauts' survival, such as air, drinking water and algae needed for nutrition, and to function in their activities: living structures and installations to produce propelling products and fertilizers".

The reader may think that we are talking about science fiction, not realizing that most of the technology needed has already been tested. Well, let's wait and see!

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by **Claude Marsilia**



North End A Brief History of Boston's Oldest Neighborhood

by **Alex R. Goldfeld**

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Alex Goldfeld

What caught my eye on author Goldfeld's book, is the fact that he not only is an accomplished writer but a creator and leader of historical tours in the North End. Goldfeld's glorification of the North End is gratifying especially when he is expressing the birth and growth of this sensational area.

We learn immediately that it was John Winthrop, Boston's founder who sailed from England in 1630 and established the area about Boston. At that time it was a peninsular surrounded by water.

This book is a chronology of the North End that begins by enlightening the reader on the African Americans that lived in the North End. "Massachusetts merchants brought the first enslaved Africans into Boston in February 1638..." He relates further, "African slaves worked for free and had few rights, they were also a better investment than white indentured servants."

Clearly Goldfeld articulates the continuing growth of Boston, particularly the North End. Though some blacks thrived here, separation of blacks at schools and churches always existed. The English immigrants contributed a great deal. They built homes and much needed windmills. Fortifications were built to protect the Boston port from the invading French or Dutch ships. I find it interesting that the Puritans, who were persecuted in England, were hesitant and defensive about calling meeting houses churches, which in actuality they were.

In 1730 Boston was celebrating its 100th birthday, and was considered the largest town in the colonies. The North End was the most populist, which consisted of twelve thousand people and about two thousand African Americans. "Despite laws to the contrary" Goldfeld writes, "Boston's streets were constantly littered with horse manure, rotting entrails from the butcher shops and like the Mill Pond, dead animals."

The embattled streets of Boston were quelled when the two factions the North End and the South End found a common cause, the Stamp Act.

Paul Revere's father was a French immigrant named Apollos Rivoire who eventually changed his name to Paul Revere, and thus was born the famous patriot Paul Revere. "...he helped to keep the Revolutionary fervor alive during the years between the Massacre and the Tea Party." Paul Revere's famous cry of warning, "The British are coming" will live in the archives of Boston's history forever." Obviously Goldfeld is partial to Paul Revere with good reason. He emphasizes his patriotism, and his business sense, as well as his creative abilities.

I believe at this point it would be a good time to note the numerous pertinent photograph's and sketches Goldfeld presents in this inspiring book. Almost every page has a replica of a noted statesman or a distin-

guished building.

Goldfeld writes, by 1850, Boston's population was nearly 140,000, which included 46,000 people from Ireland. Goldfeld not only writes about the greatness of the North End but the detriments, for example, "in the North End, smallpox, cholera and tuberculosis spread throughout the filthy slums that were created for the Irish people, as did crime, alcohol and prostitution." In addition he writes, "Irish North Enders lived in a neighborhood overwhelmed with people, surrounded by industry and pat-

trolled by Yankee missionaries." The impact of life during these desperate times were difficult. Goldfeld elaborates on the constant disagreements that existed between the British Protestants and the immigrant Irish Catholics makes for exciting reading. During which the period between 1880 and 1917 the North Enders demolished many of the dangerous wooden structures and replaced them with four and five storied brick structures, which are still evident today.

Goldfeld credits James Donnaruma, founder of the (116-year-old) *Post-Gazette* newspaper (formerly *La Gazzetta del Massachusetts* newspaper) and Ralph Adams Cram, planning board representative for getting rid of the dangerous "gasometers."

About ninety thousand Jews emigrated from Europe during the last of the nineteenth century. "There were slightly more Italian than Jews in the North End by 1895, but both groups together outnumbered the Irish population."

Goldfeld muses, "the North End, like the rest of the city, would have to embrace change to ensure its future prosperity." Goldfeld's significant last chapter, *The North End Today*, is the result of a remarkable transformation led by the courageous and dedicated North Enders which still consist of, at least a third, that consider themselves to be Italian Americans.

It appears to me that Goldfeld's experience as a tour guide has helped him to relate a remarkable historical anecdote that is enjoyable and apt to broaden the reader's knowledge of the North End and surrounding areas.


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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **David Goldman, Esq., Mason & Goldman, 385 Concord Avenue, Suite 101, Belmont, MA 02478-3057** your answer, if any, on or before **July 13, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 1, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/15/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12D0067DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ROSEMARIE A PEFINI

vs.

LAWRENCE PEFINI

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Rosemaire A Pefini, 51 Calthea St., Stoneham, MA 02180** your answer, if any, on or before **July 13, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 1, 2012

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P2556EA

Estate of
VIRGINIA SHAHEEN
Date of Death February 25, 2012

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Harry Abraham** of **Quincy MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Harry Abraham** of **Quincy MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on July 3, 2012**.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, **Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 6, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/15/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P1943EA

Estate of
RICHARD COLE SAWTELLE
a/k/a **RICHARD C. SAWTELLE**
Date of Death October 31, 2011

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Linda Kossin** of **Melrose MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Linda Kossin** of **Melrose MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on July 3, 2012**.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, **Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 7, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/15/12

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles by **private sale on June 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

1993 LEXUS ES300

VIN: JT8VK13T4P0176859

1999 PONTIAC GRAND AM
VIN: 1G2NE12E3XM742485

1996 ISUZU HOMBRE

VIN: 1GGCS1442T8701167

1995 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
VIN: 1J4GZ58YXSC516325

Run dates: 6/15, 6/22 & 6/29/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P2603EA

Estate of
NICHOLAS EMMANUEL CONDURAS
Date of Death April 18, 2012

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Anne Baras** of **Waltham MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Anne Baras** of **Waltham MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on July 9, 2012**.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, **Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 6, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/15/12



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Bring Jamie Moyer Back to Boston?

The Colorado Rockies have released Jamie Moyer for assignment. I hope some team gives him a chance to pitch. Perhaps, the Red Sox could bring him back to Boston to finish out his amazing career. He starting his career as a starting pitcher with us decades ago and why not finish that career right here at Fenway?

Pedro Borbon was Part of the Big Red Machine

Pedro Borbon pitched 10 years for the Cincinnati Reds and was a member of the vaulted Big Red Machine that won back-to-back World Series titles. He passed away at age 65 from cancer. He was a key member of the Reds bullpen on the 1975-76 championship teams, winning 13 games during those two banner years. He also played for the Angels, Giants and Cardinals. In 2010, he became the third reliever to be inducted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame. His son said, "He was most proud of the 1975-76 teams that went all the way to the World Series championship." He also was proud of the fact he never had a sore arm too. Borbon also appeared in more games than any other NL pitcher from 1970-78. He holds the Reds' record with 531 career appearances. He pitched in 20 playoff games in his career with a 2.55 ERA.

According to Reds' owner Bob Castellini, "He (Borbon) always will be remembered for his colorful personality and his contributions to that wonderful time period in our history."

Rookie Trout Driving the Angels Machine

Nineteen-year-old LA Angels outfielder and leadoff hitter Mike Trout has been proving he definitely belongs on a major league roster. Thanks to him, the slow starting Angels have caught fire and are closing in on the Rangers in the AL West. He is the second youngest player, behind Bryce Harper, 19, of the Washington Nationals. In his first 33 games

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Run dates: 6/8, 6/15 & 6/22/12

since being called up from Triple A Salt Lake on April 28, he has batted .318 with five home runs, 20 RBI, nine stolen bases and scored 23 runs. To many fans, Trout reminds them of a cross between a young Mickey Mantle and a young Pete Rose. He is 6'1' and 210 pounds. Mickey was 6 feet and 200 pounds. He is a natural like Mantle too. As of Monday, June 4, Harper, another sensation, is batting .288 with 5 home runs, 12 RBIs, two stolen bases and 22 runs. Trout was named AL Rookie of the month of May while Harper was the NL Rookie of the same month. Look for more good things from these two kids on the playing field. It is fun watching them play like in the old days before players became all business folk and took all the fun out of the game.

Astros Make Correa No. 1 MLB Draft Pick

The Houston Astros have selected 17-year-old shortstop Carlos Correa as the team's number one pick in the baseball draft which made him the highest selection ever to come from Puerto Rico. Correa is said to have a super strong arm and terrific defensive instincts and the Astros may very well have found a future big time bat in the middle of the lineup. He bested Ramon Castro who went No. 17 to Houston back in 1994 as the then-highest-drafted Puerto Rican ballplayer. This year was the first time Houston had top pick since 1992 when they selected Phil Nevin and passed on a young shortstop by the name of Derek Jeter who went five spots later to the NY Yankees.

According to Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow, Correa "has a chance to be a star." Who could hit 20-30 home runs in the pros? Whether it is as a shortstop or "ultimately maybe third base." As Correa walked toward the podium at the draft and shook hands with Commissioner Bud Selig, he pulled out a small Puerto Rican flag and held it up high.

Braves to Retire

John Smoltz' Number 29

Former pitcher John Smoltz will become the seventh Braves player in history to have his number retired when No. 29 was honored recently at Turner Field. An 8-time All-Star, Smoltz pitched 20 seasons in Atlanta, finishing with 15 post-season games wins, second-most in baseball history, and 199 playoff strike outs which is the most ever. He is the only major league pitcher with 200 wins and 150 saves. He finished with the Braves with a 210-147 record and a 3.26 ERA.

His career stats look super. Cooperstown is a sure thing. He finished with 3,011 strikeouts best in Braves' history. His 154 saves are

tops for the Braves. With his number retired, he now joins Dale Murphy, Warren Spahn, Greg Maddux, Phil Niekro, Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews, who by the way, played for the Boston Braves, the Milwaukee Braves and the Atlanta Braves. A feat no one else ever did. He may go down in history as one of the most under-recognized greatest sluggers in MLB history but always playing in the shadow of "Hammerin' Hank."

Oldies but Goodies ...

When Pumpsie Green tripled in his first at-bat at Fenway Park back o August 4, 1959, he became the first ever African-American player for the Boston Red Sox who under the ownership of TomYawkey remains the last all-white major league baseball team. A few months later, the Sox brought up pitcher/catcher Earl Wilson who became the second African-American. Wilson by the way who threw a no-hitter against the Angels on June 26, 1962 was one of the best hitting pitchers in baseball history and was always a threat at bat. One season he popped six home runs. In those lean years of the late 50s and early 60s, he along with Billy Mombouquette were a great duo on the mound and when things got tough, they had Dick Radatz in the bullpen to save the day ... Back in the early 60s, the Angeles had two brothers playing. Norm Sherry was the catcher and his brother Larry was a relief pitcher. They also had Ron Peronoski (I hope I spelled it right) in the bullpen as their closer before they were called closers. Ron and Radatz were the two best in baseball at that time in baseball history ... I also still remember sitting in the right field grandstand with a bunch of other altar boys from the Immaculate Conception near Boston City Hospital on September 28, 1960 when Ted Williams hit a homer into the visitor bullpen in the last at-bat of his career. Tens of thousands of people now say they were at the game but the crowd that day was lean as usual ... Finally, how could I forget Gary Bell during 1967 when he joined up mid-season with the Impossible Dream team. He was acquired from the Indians for first baseman Tony Horton who was expendable since we already had George Scott, the Boomer doing quite well over at first base. Bell showed up at Fenway with a 1-5 record and then went 12-8 for the Red Sox helping us get into the World Series and creating what would become Red Sox Nation. Bell has often said that 1967 was 'a magical season and a magical place to play. New England was on fire that whole year. It was just a crazy place to play."



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



Some of the greats in the World of Boxing Rip Valenti, Sammy Fuller and Tony DeMarco.



Peter Welch of the great Peter Welch Fight Gym in South Boston.



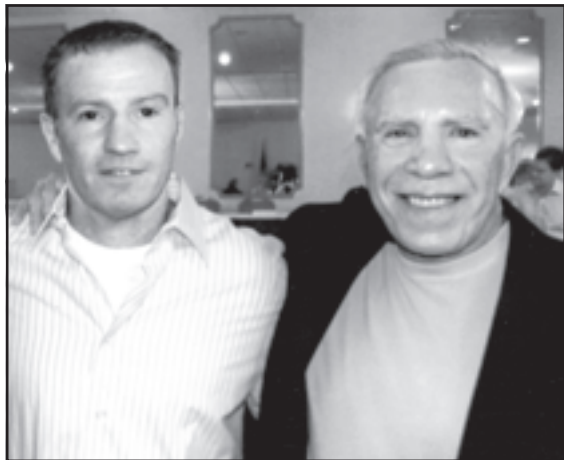
Great sports writer Ron Borges.



Michael Parente of CES speaks words of Wisdom.



One of the best, Dana Rosenblatt.



Two Champions Irish Micky Ward and Vinny Marino.



World Champion Paul Pender, Bill Connolly, and Nick Previti. R.I.P.



Dan Couco of IBRO.



Author Ted Sares.



Jack Hurley with World Champion Bernard Hopkins.



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



A PLAN THAT WORKED — It was back in December—shortly after the lockout had ended and during the time when an abbreviated training camp was under way—that Celtics coach Doc Rivers revealed his overall plans for the upcoming compact 66-game, four-month regular season.

The goal was not necessarily to finish first in the Eastern Conference. Not that that wouldn't be nice. But that was not the goal. The real objective was to qualify for the playoffs and keep everybody as healthy as possible in the process.

And basically that's what the Celtics did. They didn't try and go all out and finish near the top in the regular season standings. That would have meant playing the starters to the maximum every night with the veteran Big Three getting only minimal rest while being exposed to possible injuries.

No. The way to go about this was to win enough to finish respectable while having your key players rested, healthy and ready for what really matters—the playoffs. And it was a plan that worked. It worked so well that it brought the Celtics to within one quarter of going to the NBA Finals.

The post season was an overwhelming success. The night the Celtics lost that final game to Miami there were only three teams still active in the NBA, Oklahoma City having eliminated San Antonio three nights earlier. Some 27 teams had stopped playing for the season. That the Celtics were one of those three remaining teams still on the court is a testament to the players, coach Doc Rivers and his staff and C's GM Danny Ainge.

Personally, we would like to see as many players as possible from this year's team be carried over to next season. We know there will be some changes but we think the core group of veterans could lead the team deep into the playoffs again.

We say that because we think next year's regular season will be somewhat less taxing on the veteran players.

Since it will be a full length 82-game campaign spread over six months there will be many more off days built into the schedule. The compact 66-game regular season that all players across the league were forced to experience was just brutal for a veteran team like the Celtics — several weeks there were four games per week and one week there was five.

That won't happen again next year as the regular season assumes its normal rhythm, one that usually features three games per week. And with that normalcy will come opportunities for rest and recuperation from little hurts that can grow into nagging injuries. We think the veteran Big Three of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and a sure

footed Ray Allen (assuming he recovers completely from ankle surgery) could get through a full length regular season, given the number of off days that are built in. They and their signal calling engine—that would be Rajon Rondo—would then be ready for another run in the playoffs.

GOING GLOBAL AT THE FINALS — The NBA Finals that the Celtics just missed out on this year have become a true world-wide event, being available via a variety of formats in just about every nation on earth.

Including conventional radio and television, plus computers, mobile phones and tablet devices, every game of the Finals will be able to be experienced live no matter where one is in the world. People will hear the audio in their own language since 47 different languages will be employed to describe the action through a variety of broadcast partnerships with the NBA. Some 277 international media members have been accredited to cover the Finals.

MISREPRESENTATION — In its June 10 edition the *Boston Herald* reported that the Celtics are "among the top in the league in at least one important stat: the amount of money given to political organizations."

That's just not true. What is true is that a number of individuals associated with the Celtics have donated money from their own personal funds to political entities over the past few years. The organization — as a franchise — has not donated money.

The article was not accurate when it stated that "the C's chipped in \$215,500 to campaigns since 2009." What is a true statement is that Celtics co-owner Steve Pagliuca personally has donated \$168,800 to various campaigns over the past several years and that figure, plus numerous additional personal donations from individuals associated with the Celtics, pushed the amount to over \$200,000.

The point is this: the Celtics (as an organization) have not donated money to campaigns. Individuals associated with the Celtics have indeed done so—as have people associated with a number of other NBA teams, including Orlando, San Antonio and Miami.

The article mentioned that even NBA Commissioner David Stern has donated \$311,400 over the years. But that's what Stern chose to do with his own money — not with funds from the league.

The article was written in a potentially confusing way since it implied at its start that the Boston Celtics franchise had donated money before detailing that the donations actually came from individuals who chose to give from their personal funds. But you had to read the entire piece to find that out. Not the best way to present such an important topic.